



## Memorandum

Date: April 20, 2000

To: CALFED Agency Representatives

From: Steven R. Ritchie  
Acting Executive Director

Subject: Review of the Draft Multi-Species Conservation Strategy as the Programmatic Biological Assessment

Attached are two copies of CALFED's Draft Multi-Species Conservation Strategy (MSCS) for your agency's review. As presented at the CALFED Management Group meeting on March 28, 2000 by Jim Monroe of the Interior's Solicitor's office, the final MSCS will be the biological assessment transmitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service for the purpose of initiating formal Section 7 consultation.

The final MSCS will also be the proposed programmatic Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP) which will provide the basis for CALFED to comply with the California Endangered Species Act and the Natural Community Conservation Planning Act.

The final MSCS will be released as an appendix to the final Programmatic EIS/R, and it is expected that the federal biological opinions on the CALFED Program will be issued at the time of the Record of Decision and the Notice of Determination for the Program. The Department of Fish and Game will issue a written determination regarding the NCCP shortly thereafter.

Please provide your written comments to Ms. Marti Kie at the letterhead address or via e-mail at [mkie@water.ca.gov](mailto:mkie@water.ca.gov), by close of business Friday, May 12, 2000.

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### CALFED Agencies

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Department of Fish and Game  
Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Department of Food and Agriculture

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